(c) if so, what are the reasons for accepting an absolete Australian technology and what purpose it is going to serve in the Network Management System in the country ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) to (c) There is no offer of grant-in-aid from Telecom Australia. But as part of overall cooperation between India and Australia the Australian International Development Assistance Bureau has selected Telecom Australia International Ltd. (TAI) to undertake the feasibility study for setting up of Network Management System in India. The report of the study has been received very recently and is under examination.

Illegal Tele-connections in Northern Region

1209. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to a news-item published in the Economic Times, New Delhi, dated 5th September, 1992 capitioned "CBI unearths racket in phone sanctions orders" in Northern India;

(b) if so, what are the places where the CBI conducted searches, list of incriminating documents seized, number of officials arrested including officials of the D.O.T. and what action has so far been taken against each of them;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this is the second case registered by the CBI in connection with fraudulent out of turn telephone sanctions and the earlier case was registered in July, 1992; if so, whether DOT would ascertain the wider ramifications of the rackets of this type; and

(d) whether the Minister is also aware of an I.S.D. racket in Delhi where people could make international calls at very low rates fixed by the organisers, if so, the details thereof and action taken by DOT in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) CBI had conducted searches in Punjab, interrogated persons including officials of the Deptt. of Telecommunications. Two officials of D.O.T. at Delhi were arrested. The CBI investigation is in progress and their final report is awaited.

(c) No, Sir. This is the only case of issue of fake sanctioned registered during the year 1992 by the CBI.

(d) Yes, Sir. In one case a Telecom Official found indulging in such a malpractice had been arrested recently, with the help of CBI. In another case, a Sub-divisional Officer and his JTO have been suspended for lack of supervision. Active assistance of CBI is being taken to curb such malpractices. Four special Cells of CBI, each under the charge of a Superintendent of Police are being set up at Delhi, Madras, Bombay and Calcutta to investigate into such cases. A high level Committee is being constituted for an indepth study of cases of such malpractices and for suggesting remedial measures to curb such malpractices.

Waiting list for Calcutta telephone

1210. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

the number of persons on the waiting list in each telephone exchange in Calcutta; and by when telephone connections are likely to be sanctioned to them ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : The exchange wise waiting list as on 1-11-92 is given in statement. (*See* below). This waiting list is likely to be cleared by 1995-96 subject to the timely availability of stores and resources.

STATEMENT

The Exchange-wise waiting list in Calcutta as on 1-11-92 is detailed as under :

Exchange Code/Name	Waiting list as on 1-11-92
20/21 22/23/28	306
25	305
26	1293
27	
303/304 TBZ RLU	51
CENTRAL ZONE	
43/44	1377
29	586
31 32	237
30/38 33/39	3217
40/47	3318
409/438 P'CN'C GARDEN RLU	356
SOUTH ZONE	
760-766 RUS A RLU	565
740-744	
403-407 BALIGANJ RLU	307
42	332
73 ADAVPUR	2186
717 JADAVPUR RLU	272
72	4493
711-713 ALIPORE RLU & 795-799	342
49	191
78 BEHALA	811
714/715 BEHALA RLU	309
77	2963
74/75	1750
48	277
719 NDP RLU	331
738 BRP	162
701 BU BU	238
615 AMT	64

Exchange Code/Name	Waiting list as on 1-11-92
NORTH ZONE	
50	1010
36	37
54	26
305-309 & BAG BAZAR RLU	
333-339	1914
52	2517
565/566 COSSIPORE	294
51 DUMDUM	1679
59	2374
568/569	208
53	1955
563/564	1359
560/561	933
34/37 / 21 SALT LAKE RLU	245
HOWRAH ZONE	
62	1303
64	1861
655/659 RLU	2659
60	2253
68	398
650/651	36
AND EXCH	330
ULB	94
CHINSURAH	742
95/96 CHANDAN NAGAR	791
TRIVENI	258
BHATPARA	560
98/99 KLY	913
TOTAL	55639